

From almost the minute the case was placed in the hands of the Congress it became clear to me that I was no longer part of a "Representative" body. The American people, the people who voted and sent us here, were left completely out of the process. Their "Representatives" decided to pursue their OWN agenda instead and, with the approval of their counterparts in the Senate, used their majority muscle and pushed it through the House. No debate, no opposing arguments considered, no witnesses needed. Don't be fooled by the political theater you saw on C-Span. That was just a show to have you think we were doing our constitutional duty. In fact, leadership even told you at one point that we shouldn't be concerned with the President's "removal from office". He said that's not what impeachment means, and that a vote in favor of the Articles didn't mean that we thought the President should be removed from office. Did you believe that? Well it may be true. They don't have to actually remove him to destroy his presidency, and that IS their primary goal.

To be fair, some of my colleagues on the other side of the aisle were interested in doing the right thing and giving this issue the level of consideration it warranted. You might have heard about this "secret evidence" that was "shown" to those undecided voters that "convinced" them to vote in favor of the Impeachment Articles. We should all question those events.

Into the other well of the body marched the 13 Conservative Managers, with their own special "rule of law" and their own version of "truth and justice", as self proclaimed "Representatives of the People". What people? Certainly not the majority of the American people. They continued to support the President. They don't want him removed from office. They know his character is flawed, and while the scandal is fun to watch on TV, they trust him to do his job because they know he has the best interests in his heart. In spite of the very best efforts to ruin him, the conservative Republicans have failed.

This brings us to our current dilemma. The conservatives have a problem. We need to end this and gain back the respect of the American people but how can THEY get out of this gracefully? How can the conservative Senators save face for their Congressional counterparts? It seems that the Republicans finally have their exit strategy. They will refuse to exit. They will take their chances and keep this going as long as they possibly can with the hope that they will publicly destroy the President and the Democratic party. Even now, knowing that the President will not be removed from office by the required two-thirds margin, they will attempt to use their 55 percent majority to continue beating their dead horse, allowing the House managers to run the show. If this goes on long enough, it doesn't matter if the final vote is not enough to remove Clinton. Before they are finished, they will have gone as far as they can by any means possible (witnesses, furthering the independent investigation into any other areas they can find and lots and lots of press) to publicly destroy and defame Clinton.

The Republicans worked so hard at making war that they forgot how to make peace. They drew their line in the sand and it can't even be

washed away by the tide of public outrage. The longer this goes on, the more ground we all lose, and still the President's approval ratings continue to rise. I say, NOW is the time to get over it and get back to doing our jobs. We have wasted too much time already in not representing the interests of our public. We must make peace among the parties and the branches of our government and get back to work on the PEOPLE'S agenda of education, Social Security reform, Medicare, the Patient's Bill of Rights, housing, crime, and other issues that are important to the people who put us here to serve them.

CONGRATULATIONS TO  
WAXAHACHIE HIGH SCHOOL AND  
ENNIS HIGH SCHOOL

HON. MARTIN FROST

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 11, 1999

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Waxahachie High School in Waxahachie, Texas and Ennis High School in Ennis, Texas. Both of these schools were recently recognized by U.S. News & World Report magazine as two of the top 96 high schools in the entire country. I am pleased to represent these excellent schools in Congress.

Waxahachie and Ennis each met the magazine's rigorous criteria for "outstanding" schools. The magazine found that outstanding schools share several characteristics, including a challenging core curriculum, high expectations of the students, highly qualified teachers, effective training for new teachers, strong academic standards and expectations, strong parental involvement and support, teachers and administrators who know their students well, and high levels of student attendance.

Both of these North Texas high schools represent the best in public education. Congratulations to Waxahachie High School Principal John Aune and Ennis High School Principal Linda Pirtle and the faculty, parents, and students of both schools for attaining this tremendous recognition.

I hope the standard of excellence set by Waxahachie and Ennis High Schools will serve as an example to schools across Texas and across the country. These outstanding schools are proof positive that if we hold our students and educators to high standards, they will achieve academic excellence.

A TRIBUTE TO SAN DIEGO POLICE  
CHIEF JERRY SANDERS

HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 11, 1999

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the career and record of one of San Diego's finest citizens and my friend, Police Chief Jerry Sanders. On April 15, Chief Sanders will leave the San Diego Police Department to become President and CEO of the United Way of San Diego County.

During his tenure, crime rates in San Diego have fallen to 25 year lows. This tremendous achievement has been made possible only through the hard work, dedication to duty and personal sacrifice of the entire San Diego Police Department.

His community policing program is recognized as a model for American police forces, and for safer communities around the world. He will take with him a remarkable ability to integrate local community volunteers into the police force structure to help combat crime. And it is this trait which will ensure his success in his new role at the United Way.

I submit for the record an article from the January 13, 1999, San Diego Union Tribune which further describes Chief Sanders' outstanding achievements.

While Chief Sanders will be sorely missed at our Police Department, all citizens of San Diego should take comfort that he will continue to use his remarkable talents to better our community.

I want to thank Chief Sanders for his service to our fine city, and wish the best of success in meeting his new opportunity to continue serving our community through the United Way.

[From the San Diego Union Tribune, Jan. 13, 1999]

SAN DIEGO POLICE CHIEF WILL BE STEPPING  
DOWN

HE'LL BECOME LEADER OF UNITED WAY HERE

(By Kelly Thornton)

It was a nagging voice inside Jerry Sanders, telling him he had lost too much time with his young daughters to 75-hour work weeks and phone calls in the middle of the night.

Sanders, San Diego's beloved and nationally renowned police chief for almost six years, announced his retirement yesterday to stunned colleagues during an emotional meeting at police headquarters.

The 48-year-old chief, who joined the department 26 years ago and at 42 became the department's youngest top cop, said he will step down April 15 to become president and chief executive officer of United Way of San Diego County.

"It was by far the most difficult decision of my life, bar none," said a teary-eyed Sanders at a news conference at United Way headquarters. The ever-affable chief, not usually one for formality, prepared remarks and distributed a videotaped message to his troops to avoid an emotional outburst.

"I got a little choked up and it was hard to read," Sanders said. "I think a lot of people are in shock. There was a stunned silence after I told them."

Sanders said his decision was not related to health problems, although he has struggled with digestive ailments and gout.

"I look forward to spending time with my wife and daughters," Sanders said, looking at photos of Jamie, 12, and Lisa, 15, when they were young. "I haven't seen a lot in between."

Sanders' decision was a well-kept secret. He called mayor Susan Golding, City Manager Michael Uberuaga and District Attorney Paul Pfingst early yesterday to inform them. He confided only in his wife and four friends.

Everybody else was in the dark.

Capt. Adolfo Gonzales, who attended Sanders' morning meeting, said it took a moment for the words to sink in. "I was stunned."



When he asked if there were any questions, you could hear a pin drop in the room. . . . We as captains didn't have a clue."

Mayor Golding praised Sanders for bringing the community and police officers closer together. "He's done an unqualifiedly superb job as police chief and I will miss him. . . . He is genuinely loved within the community and by members of the police force, and that's rare accomplishment," Golding said.

Sanders will not be able to collect retirement until he turns 50 on July 14, 2000. At that time, he will be eligible to receive 65 percent of his annual \$128,004 salary—less than if he had remained with the department until age 50, said Lawrence Griffom, city retirement director.

As head of the United Way, Sanders will receive \$165,000 a year.

Sanders was recruited by other police departments before he was approached by United Way in October. He interviewed for the job in December and was officially offered the position yesterday. The chance to continue working with the community outside of law enforcement was "an opportunity I couldn't pass up," he said.

City Manager Uberuaga was already preparing yesterday to select a recruiting firm to conduct a national search for Sanders' replacement, though he and Golding said members of the department are encouraged to apply. The city manager will make a recommendation to the City Council, which must confirm the selection.

Among the most likely contenders for the job of overseeing 2,058 sworn officers and more than 1,000 civilians and reserve officers are assistant chiefs George Saldamando and Rulette Armstead, who competed with Sanders for the post in 1993, and David Bejarano, considered by many in the department to be a front-runner.

Bejarano coordinated security for the 1996 Republican National Convention, the 1998 Super Bowl and the recent World Series.

Whoever is chosen will have big shoes to fill.

Under Sanders' tenure, crime rates fell to their lowest levels in 25 years, mirroring a nationwide trend. The ranks of volunteers swelled to unprecedented levels. The entire beat system was restructured so that areas are patrolled as 21 communities, rather than 68 arbitrarily drawn sections.

But Sanders' legacy will be his work as a pioneer of community-oriented policing, the philosophy that pairs residents with officers and other city agencies, such as code enforcers, to fight crime.

Because Sanders implemented this strategy so successfully, the department has received millions of dollars in grants and has become an international model.

"Sanders has a national reputation as one of the most progressive, innovative and compassionate leaders in the country," said Chuck Wexler, executive director of the Police Executive Research Forum, a non-profit Washington think tank. Sanders serves as treasurer and board member.

The chief has been popular among officers and community members since taking the helm in 1993, even in the face of a few unpopular decisions.

Sanders, a gregarious leader with an easy smile, once sued the department for declining to promote him 13 times. He began his law enforcement career at 22 in 1973, fulfilling his life's dream to follow in his father's footsteps.

He was promoted through the ranks and served as SWAT commander during the San Ysidro massacre at McDonald's in 1984, when

James Huberty methodically executed 21 people.

After his appointment as chief in May 1993, his first speed bump was contending with allegations of institutional racism, but the problem subsided after Sanders met with black leaders. He eventually required all members of the department to attend diversity training.

Perhaps his most unpopular decision was forbidding officers to moonlight as security guards. The Police Officers Association took him to court, and the group won.

Still, his popularity remained constant. The chief endeared himself by occasionally riding with patrol officers, showing up whenever an officer was wounded, addressing his officers by first name, and even trading a coveted indoor parking spot for an outdoor space so he could interact with the ranks.

And Sanders was beloved for reaching out to the community, often attending meetings, serving on boards and even playing Santa Claus for needy children.

Sanders often revealed his soft side, appearing tearful when announcing the recent suicides of two officers or the arrests of two others for on-duty burglaries.

As news of his impending departure spread through the department and across the nation, regret over the loss of a chief known as one of the country's most avant-garde law enforcers was the prevailing reaction.

"What Tony Gwynn means to the Padres is what Jerry Sanders means to law enforcement," said District Attorney Paul Pfingst. "He is the same professional, day in and day out, and he has a great attitude, day in and day out. And if they're not in the lineup, there's a big hole to fill."

Even Councilman George Stevens, who sometimes criticized the department for its interaction with African-Americans, raved about Sanders.

"He put the Police Department out with the people and managed to implement programs that banned alcohol in parks and a 10 p.m. curfew without a lot of reaction from our young people of harassment or illegal search complaints. Not one lawsuit. He got the credit for that," Stevens said.

Sheriff Bill Kolender joined the chorus.

"I believe he is a leader not only within this county and this state, but within the nation when it comes to community involvement, problem-solving and compassion," said Kolender, who served as San Diego police chief for 15 years.

Sanders said it will be hard for him to leave law enforcement. But his energy was waning and he wanted to move on before burnout set in.

"It's going to be very weird to go to work without a badge and gun," he said. "I think what I feel is a tremendous sense of sadness to leave something I've been doing since I was 22 years old."

#### TRIBUTE TO A LADY LYDA

#### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 11, 1999

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Lyda Lee Williams Saunders Whyte or *Lady Lyda*, the title bestowed on her by the pastors of the Brooklyn's Bridge Street A.M.E. Church, is a valiant community and church leader.

*Lady Lyda* the oldest child of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Williams was born on February 8, 1909,

in Emborden VA. Early on her parents instilled in her the importance of obtaining an education. At the age of 10, she and her sister would walk for miles through woods just to attend school. When she was 13, she taught religious education at Mount Sinai Baptist Church and years later she earned her degree from Virginia State College, currently known as Virginia State University.

In 1932 Lady Lee married the late Harry Arthalia Saunders and shortly thereafter they became members of Bridge Street A.M.E. Church. They were blessed to have two daughters, Delores and Walean. In 1973, after the death of her husband, she married Mr. Raymond Edward Whyte and immediately inherited 2 stepdaughters and 15 grandchildren. She now has a total of 21 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

In her capacity as a church and community leader *Lady Lyda* has served in various capacities: Twenty-four years as the secretary of the Official Board and Church Conference; secretary for the Senior Citizens Club, Lay Leadership, Church Anniversary Commission, and the Virginia Club of Membership and Evangelism. She also extended her reach into politics by running for State Assembly in New York State and has found time to travel extensively in the United States and abroad including; the Holy Land, England, Hawaii, Jamaica, and Canada.

*Lady Lyda* is very proud of her family and their accomplishments. Her mother was a teaching specialist and her father was a hard worker and good provider. Her brothers and sisters are all educated and involved in church activities. *Lady Lyda's* daughter serves as an assistant administrator at Cabrini Hospital in New York.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF LEON "PAPPY" SELPH

#### HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 11, 1999

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I ask all of my colleagues in Congress to join me in paying tribute to an outstanding individual, Leon "Pappy" Selph. Pappy passed away earlier this month after leading a long and distinguished musical career.

Pappy, one of Western swing's first generation, carved out a unique, important niche in country music while maintaining close ties with his hometown of Houston, Texas. In 1933 Pappy formed the Blue Ridge Playboys in a cooperative effort with other local musicians. By the band's second recording session in June 1937, Pappy's innovative fiddle playing had emerged as the driving force of the band. Soon they recorded such smash hits as "It Makes No Difference Now."

In 1940, Pappy was signed by Columbia's Vocalion-Okeh subsidiary and built a tight, inventive lineup of new musicians. Their acclaimed 1940 session truly showcased Pappy's talent in such swinging instrumentals as "Texas Take-Off" and "Polecat Stomp." The band's 1941 recording showcased Pappy's innovative fiddling as he truly came into his own.